(d) Yes, Sir. Muzarai Department has decided to go ahead with the project with Daharmastala, Dharmasamasthana Pratishtana in accordance with the order dated 12.7.2004 issued by the Karnataka Government.

Funds for ancient and historical buildings

1962. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Twelfth Finance Commission have allocated any funds for upkeep of several ancient and historical buildings in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government of Maharashtra and Punjab have submitted any action plan to Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the amount Government have sanctioned/released to each State mentioned above so far during 2005-06 for conservation and protected monuments, till date?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Twelfth Finance Commission has recommended allocation of Rs. 625 crores among various States for heritage conservation i.e. preservation and protection of historical monuments, archaeological sites, public libraries, museums and archives convering the period between 2005-06 and 2009-10.

The Archaeological Survey of India does not get any allocation from the Finance Commission.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Out of the budget allocation to Archaeological Survey of India (Ministry of Culture) for conservation of ancient monuments in 2005-06, ASI has allocated Rs. 757 lac in the State of Maharashtra and Rs. 111.14 lac in the State of Punjab for conservation of Centrally protected monuments.

Heritage sites in Rajasthan under ASI

1963. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of national heritage sites in Rajasthan, under the ASI;

(b) which out of these sites, are being encroached upon or having a risk of their encroachment;

(c) the steps being taken to preserve them;